

AFSAC Meeting Minutes

January 6th, 2015

In Attendance

Melissa Chlupatch – NANA
Danny Constanten – USDA
Jessica Davison – DEC/FSS
Shawn Dickson – DEC/FSS
Bevin Durant – DEC/FSS
Barb Hansen – Division of Agriculture
Dr. Brian Himelbloom – Kodiak FITC
Kate Idzorek – UAF Cooperative Extension
Heidi Isernhagen – DEC/FSS
Greg Johnstone – DEC/FSS
Valdeko Kreil – Maniilaq Elder Care Center
Steve Lacey – Fred Meyer
Lorinda Lhotka – DEC/FSS
Jeff Moore
Julie Nolan – Cook Inlet Tribal Council
Diane Peck – DHSS
Randy Pfeuffer – DEC/FSS
Ginger Provo – Section of Epidemiology
Sarah Stanley – Doyon Universal
Kimberly Stryker – DEC/FSS
Megan Talley – APU

Opening Remarks & Program Updates – Kimberly Stryker

- This is a very busy time of the year for the program. Annual food service permits are being mass mailed and a heavy influx of seafood and shellfish processing applications are being processed.
- FDA risk factor trainings have been jointly attended by FSS and Municipality of Anchorage staff
- There are several vacancies the program is in the process of filling.
- Program Coordinator Morgan Poloni has accepted a position with the FDA. Her last day of state service will be January 9th.

Presentation: Utilization of Traditional Foods – Valdeko Kreil

A very successful program has existed at the Maniilaq Elder Care Center in Kotzebue in which traditional native food is served to its residents on a monthly basis. Experience has shown that residents display a marked preference for eating the traditional foods they grew up with. With a few exceptions, state and federal regulations, along with a congressional farm bill support the processing and serving of traditional food and donated wild game such as moose and caribou. The center's on-staff environmental health sanitarian ensures that proper food safety measures are employed in the processing, cooking and serving of meals. The program, which began in 2011, is strongly supported by the Kotzebue community, the DEC and the USDA.

"SAFE" Food Service Recognition Program – Lorinda Lhotka

Letters detailing the SAFE program and applications have been mailed to food establishment operators along with their annual permits and a web page has been created.

World Health Day – Randy Pfeuffer

Food safety is the theme of this year's World Health Day, which will be held on April 7th. Any suggestions for event ideas may be emailed to Randy Pfeuffer.

Member Updates

- Dr. Brian Himmelbloom will be proctoring CFPM exams in Kodiak in the near future.
- Lorinda Lhotka and Jeff Moore will be attending the Farm to School conference in Anchorage next week.

The next meeting is *tentatively* scheduled for April 7th at 10:30 am